

Amendment to the Claims

Claims 1, 18, and 35 have been amended herein. This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A computer programmed method for providing one or more medication administration comments for preventing medication administration errors, wherein the one or more medication administration comments are provided at a place of administration of a medication in a hospital setting, the method comprising:

accepting a medication administrator identification for a medication administrator;

accepting a patient identification for a patient ~~from the medication administrator~~;

displaying a graphical user interface listing one or more medications scheduled for administration to the patient;

accepting the selection of one of the listed medications, the selected medication corresponding with a medication to be administered to the patient by the medication administrator;

providing a data store having a plurality of compliance rules, each of the compliance rules comprising a respective medication, a respective condition for the compliance rule, and one or more respective medication administration comments specific to the respective medication;

determining if a condition for a compliance rule has been satisfied, wherein the compliance rule relates to the selected medication and has one or more associated medication administration comments for preventing medication administration errors; and

displaying at the place of administration of the medication in a hospital setting, on a display device, the one or more medication administration comments associated with the compliance rule when the condition has been satisfied.

2. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the condition is satisfied when a generic name for a medication matches the selected medication.

3. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the condition is satisfied when a brand name for a medication matches the selected medication.

4. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the comment indicates that the selected medication is similar in appearance to another medication.

5. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the comment indicates that the selected medication is acoustically similar to another medication.

6. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the comment indicates additional verification of an aspect of the medication should be performed.

7. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the comment indicates that the medication should be taken within a specified time period of food consumption.

8. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the comment indicates that the medication should be taken within a specified time period of drinking water.

9. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the comment indicates that the patient should perform certain physical acts within a specified time period of administration of the medication.

10. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the comment indicates that dosages of the medication should be administered a specified time period apart.

11. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the comment warns that the patient must be connected to a ventilator when the medication is administered.

12. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the comment warns that the patient must be connected to a heart monitor when the medication is administered.

13. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the comment indicates that the medication should be administered by a certain route.

14. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the comment indicates that the medication should be diluted prior to administration.

15. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the comment indicates that the medication contains a toxic substance.

16. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the comment indicates that certain tests should be performed.

17. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the comment provides background information relating to the medication.

18. (Currently Amended) A system for providing one or more medication administration comments for preventing medication administration errors, wherein the one or more medication administration comments are provided at a place of administration of a medication in a hospital setting, the system comprising:

(a) a computer having a memory and a processor;

(b) a plurality of compliance rules stored in said memory, wherein each of the compliance rules is associated with a respective medication and maintains a respective condition and one or more respective medication administration comments ~~specific~~relating to the respective medication for preventing medication administration errors;

(c) a program executing on said computer, the program configured to:

(1) accept a medication administration identification for a medication administrator;

(2) accept a patient identification for a patient ~~from the medication administrator~~;

(3) accept a selection of a listed medication, the selected medication corresponding with a medication to be administered to the patient by the medication administrator;

(4) determine if ~~the~~ a condition for one or more of the compliance rules has been satisfied for the selected medication;

(d) a graphical user interface (GUI) executing on said computer, the graphical user interface configured to:

(1) list one or more medications scheduled for administration to the patient;

(2) display at the place of administration of the medication in a hospital setting ~~the~~ one or more medication administration comments associated with the selected medication ~~from the compliance rule~~ when the program determines that ~~the~~ a condition for the one or more of the compliance rules has been satisfied for the selected medication.

19. (Original) The system of claim 18 wherein the condition is satisfied when a generic name for a medication matches the selected medication.

20. (Original) The system of claim 18 wherein the condition is satisfied when a brand name for a medication matches the selected medication.

21. (Original) The system of claim 18 wherein the comment indicates that the selected medication is similar in appearance to another medication.

22. (Original) The system of claim 18 wherein the comment indicates that the selected medication is acoustically similar to another medication.

23. (Original) The system of claim 18 wherein the comment indicates additional verification of an aspect of the medication should be performed.

24. (Original) The system of claim 18 wherein the comment indicates that the medication should be taken within a specified time period of food consumption.

25. (Original) The system of claim 18 wherein the comment indicates that the medication should be taken within a specified time period of drinking water.

26. (Original) The system of claim 18 wherein the comment indicates that the patient should perform certain physical acts within a specified time period of administration of the medication.

27. (Original) The system of claim 18 wherein the comment indicates that dosages of the medication should be administered a specified time period apart.

28. (Original) The system of claim 18 wherein the comment warns that the patient must be connected to a ventilator when the medication is administered.

29. (Original) The system of claim 18 wherein the comment warns that the patient must be connected to a heart monitor when the medication is administered.

30. (Original) The system of claim 18 wherein the comment indicates that the medication should be administered by a certain route.

31. (Original) The system of claim 18 wherein the comment indicates that the medication should be diluted prior to administration.

32. (Original) The system of claim 18 wherein the comment indicates that the medication contains a toxic substance.

33. (Original) The system of claim 18 wherein the comment indicates that certain tests should be performed.

34. (Original) The system of claim 18 wherein the comment provides background information relating to the medication.

35. (Currently Amended) An article of manufacture comprising a program storage medium readable by a computer and embodying one or more instructions executable by the computer to perform a method for providing one or more medication administration comments for preventing medication administration errors, wherein the one or more medication administration comments are provided at a place of administration of a medication in a hospital setting, the method comprising:

accepting a medication administrator identification for a medication administrator;

accepting a patient identification for a patient ~~from the medication administrator;~~

displaying a graphical user interface listing one or more medications scheduled for administration to the patient;

accepting the selection of one of the listed medications, the selected medication corresponding with a medication to be administered to the patient by the medication administrator;

accessing a data store having a plurality of compliance rules, each of the compliance rules comprising a respective medication, a respective condition for the compliance

rule, and one or more respective medication administration comments specific to the respective medication;

determining if a condition for a compliance rule has been satisfied, wherein the compliance rule relates to the selected medication and has one or more associated medication administration comments for preventing medication administration errors; and

displaying at the place of administration of the medication in a hospital setting, on a display device, the one or more medication administration comments associated with the compliance rule when the condition has been satisfied.

36. (Original) The article of manufacture of claim 35 wherein the condition is satisfied when a generic name for a medication matches the selected medication.

37. (Original) The article of manufacture of claim 35 wherein the condition is satisfied when a brand name for a medication matches the selected medication.

38. (Original) The article of manufacture of claim 35 wherein the comment indicates that the selected medication is similar in appearance to another medication.

39. (Original) The article of manufacture of claim 35 wherein the comment indicates that the selected medication is acoustically similar to another medication.

40. (Original) The article of manufacture of claim 35 wherein the comment indicates additional verification of an aspect of the medication should be performed.

41. (Original) The article of manufacture of claim 35 wherein the comment indicates that the medication should be taken within a specified time period of food consumption.

42. (Original) The article of manufacture of claim 35 wherein the comment indicates that the medication should be taken within a specified time period of drinking water.

43. (Original) The article of manufacture of claim 35 wherein the comment indicates that the patient should perform certain physical acts within a specified time period of administration of the medication.

44. (Original) The article of manufacture of claim 35 wherein the comment indicates that dosages of the medication should be administered a specified time period apart.

45. (Original) The article of manufacture of claim 35 wherein the comment warns that the patient must be connected to a ventilator when the medication is administered.

46. (Original) The article of manufacture of claim 35 wherein the comment warns that the patient must be connected to a heart monitor when the medication is administered.

47. (Original) The article of manufacture of claim 35 wherein the comment indicates that the medication should be administered by a certain route.

48. (Original) The article of manufacture of claim 35 wherein the comment indicates that the medication should be diluted prior to administration.

49. (Original) The article of manufacture of claim 35 wherein the comment indicates that the medication contains a toxic substance.

50. (Original) The article of manufacture of claim 35 wherein the comment indicates that certain tests should be performed.

51. (Original) The article of manufacture of claim 35 wherein the comment provides background information relating to the medication.